(d) whether any effort has been made .tudy the working of the staff; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE HSTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI TAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No,

) Does not arise

) and (e) Periodical work study is g conducted on the working of the and recommendations made by the c study team from time to time are emented wherever justified and feas-

awever, in order to improve the func-ng of sale of tickets, computer reser->n offices at Hyderabad and Secun-bad and 8 satellite locations at diffe-places of the twin cities are available convenience of passengers. In addi-lion Micro Processor based self printing ticket machines have also been introduced for the effective sale of tickets.

Ongoing railway projects in Rajasthan 824.

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects in Rajasthan;

(b) the details regarding delay in achieving the targets in each case; and

(c) the reasons for the delay and rectifying measures taken or proposed to be taken paticularly with regard to broad gauge conversion work of Ahmedabad-Marwar-Ajmer-Jaipur-Delhi railway line till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c)

Name of Project	Anticipated Cost (Rs in cr)	Original Target Date	Revised Target Date	Reasons for Delay
GAUGE CON-VERSION				
Gauge Conver-sion of Phulera-Marwar-Ahme-dabad (572 km) (Rajasthan/-Gujarat)	456.57	31.03.96	31.03.97	Target date was postponed on the request of Ministry of Pet-roleum to facili-tate the move-ment of POL traffic to North-erm States.
Gauge Conver-sion of Agra Fort-Bandikui (151 kms)	88.73	31.12.97	31.12 98	The project was planned under BOLT, Owing to unsatisfactory response, it has to be done with Railway fund-Hence lb--. delay.

vay projects with foreign assistance

825. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:Will viinister of RAILWAYS be pleased ate:

the major ongoing projects funded 'orld Bank/other international agen-

the details of progress made there-on in terms of the targets set; and

(c) the new projects proposed for funding by World Bank/other foreign agen ries/Governments and their present satus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl SATPAL MAHARAJ);

(a) and (b):

s. No.	Name of Project	Scope of Project	Esttitionl	Fund Agency		Important Information Ah- out The Loan	utilised	Physical Progress
1.	1st Railway Project-Loan No. 857 IND: Procurement of 3 Phase High Horse Power Freight Locos, with Transfer of technology, upgradation of Railway facility and equipment.	1. Supply of 3-phase high horse power freight locos with technology transfer-22 nos. 2. Track-to-train communication. 3. Sub-station facility. 4. Training facility including loco simulators. 5. electric loco workshop equipment.	US $442.00 million	4gifriii Bank	Us $190.00 million	Signed on 16.12.1987 Effective on 1.3.1988 Closing date 31.1.93 Extended upto 31.3.97 (TOT Portion 10.0 m tended ex-upto 31.3.2004)	Ur $166,034 million	6 fully assembled locos, 7 semi-knocked down assemblies and 3 completely knocked down assemblies have been received, 6 completely Knocked Down are shipped. Other work is completed. First knocked down locos have been assembled, tested and commissioned. These have been put in service trial.
1A.	Procurement of 3 phase High Horse Power Passenger Locos and sub-station facilities	3-phase High-horse power passenger locomotives (11 nos.) and 16 traction sub-stations	Included in Project above. (not ongoing)	EXIM Bank, Japan	US $ 110.0 million	Signed on 10.8.1988 Closing date 10.11.93 tended 30.9.96 closed in 96.	US $ 102.30 million Ex-upto Loan Sept.	All 11 locomotives received. 9 locomotives put on service trial. One loco under oscillation trial for 180 kmph test

2	llnd Railway Project-Loan No. 1140-IND: Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar and 3rd line between Sonnagar-Mughalsarai, etc.	1. Construction of 3rd line between Sonnagar-MGS with electrification. 2. Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar. 3. BOXN Components. 4. Unit Ex change Spares. 5. Procure ment of track Machines.	US $ 500.00 million	Asian Development Bank	US million	$107.70	Signed on 6.4.1992 Effective on 1.6.1992 original closing date 31.12.1996 Extended closing date 30.6.98	US $ million 45.418	1. 266 out of 291 kms. of Sonnagar-Patratu electrified. 2. 4 out of 15 block sections have been completed and opened. 3. BOX N component completed. 4. Unit spares - Major por tion com pleted. 5. Track machines global tenders under evaluaiton as per ADB procedures.
3.	Construction *ot* Broad Orage line between Koraput-Rayagada	Part of civil works, 15000 mt of rails, 3 track saachincs, concrete steepen *mui* survey mstniments.	Rs. 442.32 crores	Saudi Fund for development	Saudi 88.0 million	Riyal	Signed on 11.8.1983 tag ihpic 30.6.93 Itehor *enytillged* tendvion asked ter upto 30.6.97	Saudi Riyal 62 million.	line commissioned loan under closure.

S. No.	Name of Pro Jeet	Scope of Prd ject	i Estimated Cost	Funding Agency	Loan/Aid Component	Important In formation Ab out The Loan	- Amount Util - lsed	Physical Prog- ress
4.	UK Grant- 1990 Procure- ment of Rails, etc.	Procurement of head-har- dened rails, flash butt welding plant, dynamic braking resistors, turbo charges, Vacuum Pressure Im- pregnant Plant & Fatigue Testing Laboratory/ RDSO	33.00 million Pounds Sterling	*U.K.*. Grant	33.00 million Pounds Sterling	Amount pledged: Pounds 40 mil- lion Starting date 12.2.90 First closing date: 30.9.95 Extended closing date: March 97.	31.745 million Pounds Sterling	All compo- nents have been com- pleted except head- hardened rails, 38900 tonnes of which had been supplied and balance 900 tonnes have been shipped but not received.
5.	Design, man- nufacture, etc., commis- sioning of con- tinuous Auto- matic Train Control (CATC) system.	Design, man- ufacture, sup- ply testing and commissioning of CATC Sys- tem Phase-I of Metro Railway/ Calcutta.	FF 56.295 mil- lion + Rs. 2.30 crore	French credit	FF 56.295 mil- lion	Financial Pro- tocol signed on 24.6.88 Ex- change of Documents 25.1.1990 Closing date: 30.7.1992 Ex- tended upto 30.6.1997	FF 50.872 mil- lion	Design, man- ufacture, sup- ply and testing have been completed, however, the commissioning is held up for making some changes in a few features of the system expected date of commissioning June 97.

(c): The following six projects have been posed to ADB for funding: 1." Third line between Bilaspur and Bhilai
(132 Km.)

2. Banspani-Tomka New Line including electrification (155 Km)

3. Bombay Division (CR) - Conversion of DC to AC system.

4. Bombay Division (WR) - Conversion of DC to AC system.

5. Third line between Sonua and Manoharpur (40 Km)

6. Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line Project (78 Km)

The feasibility study report of these projects have already been sent to ADB. ADB's response is awaited.

A project for improvement of signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur has been posed, through the Ministry of Finance, to KFW, Germany. They have conducted a feasibility study.

Expansion of Railways in backward regions

826. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govemment have for the first time accorded priority for expansion of Railways in the backward regions of North-East, J&K, Bihar, Kutch, Panch Mahal, Andhra Pradesh etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the scheme on priority basis has not been taken up for the development of backward rural areas of Gujarat, especially Panch Mahal and Kutch regions;

(c) if sp, whetner Govemment propose to take up the expansion pr6gramme in the near future; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The policy of the Govt, is to accord priority to the development of rail infrastructure in backward areas particularly in the NE Region.

(c) The Govt, have included several new projects all over the country for expansion of rail network, details of which are printed in the budget documents provided to all Members of the House.

(d) Does not arise.

Special trains between Madras-Delhi

827. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run special trains on daily basis between Madras-Delhi to clear the summer rush during April-June; and

(b) if so, whether Government also propose to introduce at least one superfast train on all days of the week between Delhi-Madras in view of the heavy traffic on this route;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) At present there is no such proposal. However, a close watch on the traffic is being kept and if justified special trains from Nizamuddin to Madras will be run.

Response of investors to the BOLT Scheme

828. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the response from investors to the "build-own-lease-transfer" (BOLT) scheme of the Railways has been very poor during the past few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Govemment propose to make amendment to the BOLT scheme to encourage investors: and